



Hi Chaffinches

Welcome back to school for a brand new year. We always love this time of year as everything is so fresh and new. There is nothing better than writing in your neatest handwriting on the first page of your new book.

We have been busy planning for our new topic this term. It is a geography topic focussing on our local area. We have called it: Where am I?

We will be learning about the human and physical features of our school and the surrounding area. We are hoping to arrange a trip to the canal. But we will be making the most of our beautiful school grounds and village by going on lots of walks. Details of which will be provided in due course. Our Science will support this by looking at habitats and animals in our wonderful local area.

We will be using the story 'The Wind in the Willows' as inspiration for our written work this term. Please see our topic table for a more detailed look at what we will be up to in the classroom.

Our PE days this term are Monday (outside) and Wednesday (outside). I hope you have all had a good check that all of your PE kit still fits and that you have everything you need for any Great British weather we are presented with!

Spellings will be handed out on a Monday and tested on the following Monday. Please make sure you practise your spellings regularly. We have attached some suggestions of how you can make spelling practice fun and varied.

Homework will be sent out on a Monday and will be due in on the Thursday of the following week. Homework tasks are presented in a grid that lasts for the entire term. So just pick a couple each fortnight, we will then check in and give you some feedback and send it out again the following Monday.

We really encourage you to read every evening if possible. We understand that there will be occasions where this will not be possible, but it is fundamentally important to every aspect of the curriculum. Reading improves spelling, widens your vocabulary and promotes creativity in writing. We have also attached some guidance on how to make the most of reading at home with your family and how to develop your comprehension skills as well as basic decoding. In class, we have created a 'Reading Rainbow' which comprises of hundreds of wonderful books we recommend you read in years 2 and 3. You will be able to move along the rainbow throughout the course of the year and earn rewards. But you must read at least 3 x per week for Mrs Pottinger to sign you off and move your name along the

